

## # 400 YORK ROAD

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Willis Drug Store

AND/OR COMMON

Towson Restaurant

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

400 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Michalos

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. New Courts Building

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>FALL, 1978</u>

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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# 400 York Road is one of if not the most difficult structures in a complex of buildings that is in itself difficult to describe. What was a pre-1877 L-shaped building with a considerable set-back from the turnpike was added onto and extended to the West by several shopfronts of different periods. The 1877 Atlas shows the long building on this corner as belonging to Dr. R. Willis. Unfortunately it has not been possible thus far in the survey (11/1/78) to do a thorough examination of the interior.

The main block is a large two story frame structure with a gable-end roof. It is three long bays in length and the equivalent of two bays in depth. 6/6 sash windows on the East and West second story are perceived to be the original fenestration. Interior flue-chimneys exit at the ridge on both ends.

At the time of inspection the main block and additions were covered with brown wooden shingles that were covered with aluminum siding in November, 1978.

An interesting style feature of the building is the gallery or sleeping porch on the south end of the building. The porch is partially enclosed by a shingled panel and its roof is supported by a slender doric column.

The shopfronts on York Road obscure the west facade except on the second story. A two story flatroofed addition with 1/1 windows (Towson Restaurant) wraps around the southeast corner and obscures half of the south facade. A shed roofed enclosed exterior stairs provides a second story entrance which appears to have contained living quarters. There are five rooms upstairs which include the addition on the southeast corner. Architrave-like mouldings were observed around the windows and doors as were four-panel doors with metal knobs and floral pattern cast iron radiators.

A shed roofed single story addition extends to the East and obscures half of that facade.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY WAYNE L. NIELD, II**  
NAME / TITLE HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

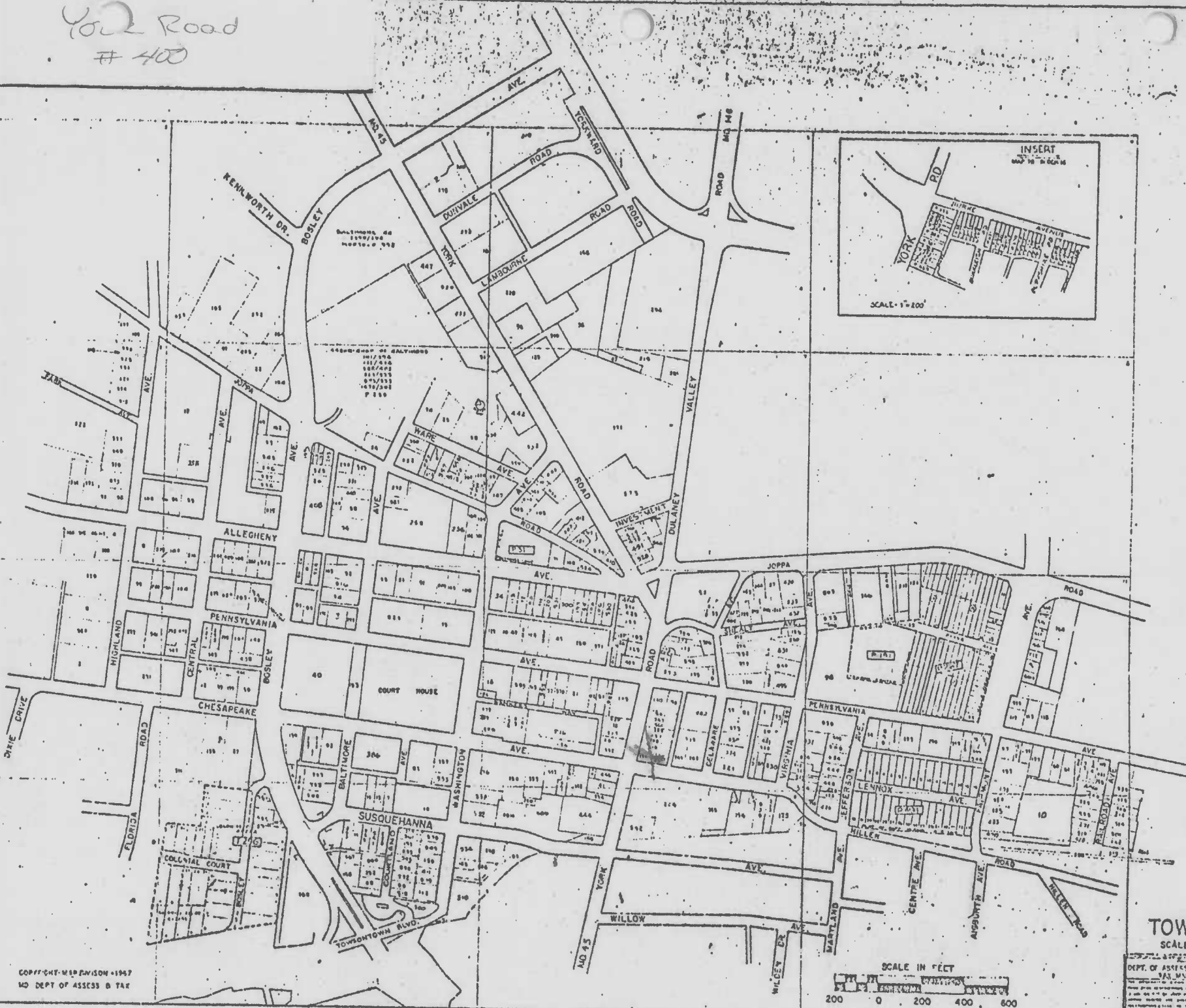
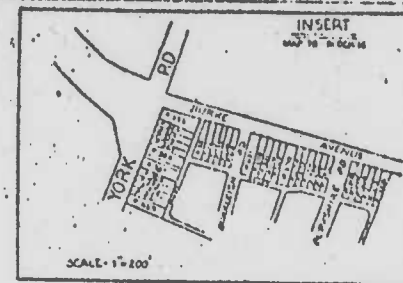
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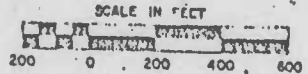
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Liber/Folio	Date	Conveyor to Conveyee
5424/677	1974	Macris to Michalos
5359/281	May 9, 1973	Sakellarakos to Macris
5241/871	January 5, 1972	Tweedy to Macris
1548/348	March 10, 1947	Slagle to Clark
1437/248	February 23, 1946	Equitable Inc. to Slagle
547/194	August 1, 1921	Phipps to A. Deichelman
522/413	March 3, 1920	Clayton Seitz to Phipps
522/183	February 11, 1920	Independent Ice Co. to Seitz
302/80	June 14, 1906	Elmer Beard to Independent Ice Co.
281/577	January 19, 1905	Osborne Yellott to Beard
234/270	September 20, 1898	O. Yellott to Groome
57/189	May 22, 1867	Payne to R. Willis
12/256	July 1, 1855	Payne lease to Rutter

York Road  
# 400



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**TOWSON**  
SCALE 1"=200'  
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# PLAN OF COWSONTOWN.

**TOWSONTOWN.**

Real Estate Agent.

H. L. BOWEN,

Surveyors and Engineers.

WHEELER & MOLANE.

Dr. Bosley

BALTIMORE

Smedley

Prop.

J.F.C. Talbert

R. R. Boorman

WASHINGTON

C. H. Mann

SMEDLEY

HOUSE

Enos Smedley

AVE.

CHESEAPEAKE

COURT

HOUSE

PENNSYLVANIA

AVE

ALLEGHENY

AVE.

YORK

DELAWARE AVE.

AVE.

VIRGINIA

JEFFERSON

Dr. Bosley

Miss Julia  
Barron

Est. of Mrs. E. Ware

Estate

Chew

C. H.

EPSON  
M. E. CHURCH

Chew Estate

Ware Heirs.

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#400 York Rd.  
S.

W. Nield  
SUM-78